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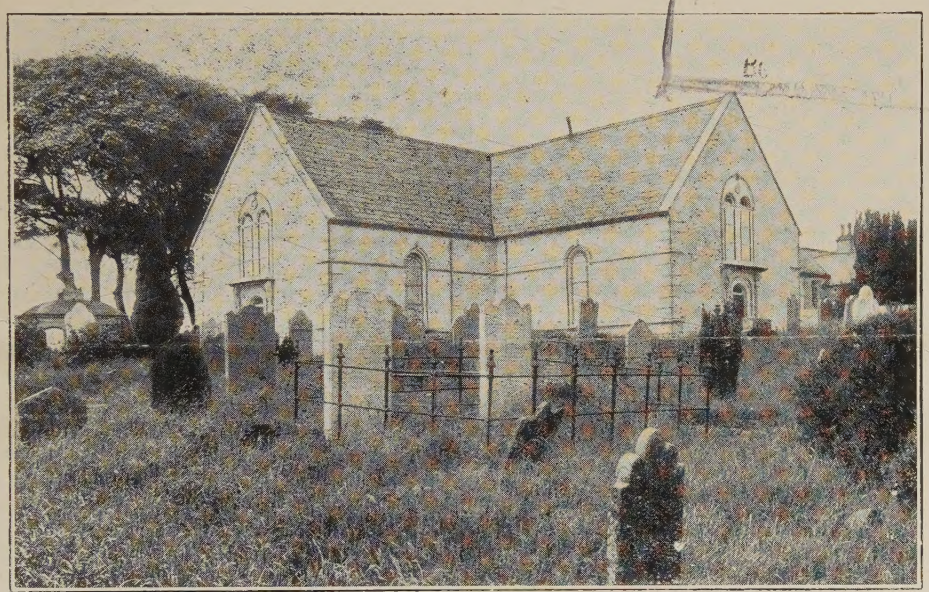

MONEYREA NON-SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE.

NOTES AND NEWS.

At the General Assembly in Belfast on Tuesday, June 7th, the Moderator, Dr. Currie, gave a cordial welcome to the Rev James Black, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. Dr Black referred to the Presbyterian Church as being one of the most world-wide communions of the Christian Church He considered the most priceless privilege they had evolved was their eldership. "That was one thing they must preserve in all its dignity—the amazing service of their great elders." From our own experience of Presbyterianism from the inside, we heartily agree that the Kirk-session is the most potent and vital essential in the system. In English Dissent, which has influenced our congregations in Ireland, "church" is the equivalent of "congregation," but, in Presbyterianism, the term "church" includes the denomination, and the "congregation" is an unit in the "church" One point in Dr. Black's address is noteworthy, and that is the possibility of Presbyterianism having "evolved" something, even if it is the eldership What evolved "Presbyterianism"? "Evolution" was once a dangerous word to use!

The 320th meeting of the Ministers' Conference was held on Monday, June 6th, 1938, at the Manse, Cairncastle, Co. Antrim. The Rev. Thomas Munn was the host. The Rev. John Barron gave a paper on "Excavations in Bible Lands" A resolution of sympathy and condolence with the family of the late Mrs. David Taylor Barnes of Hollowdene, Greyabbey, was passed, the Ministers standing. Great sympathy was also expressed with the Rev. and Mrs. F. Munford, on the serious accident which had happened to Mrs. Munford, prior to the meeting. The Rev. J. H. Green, M.A., of Shelley, nr. Huddersfield, was present as the guest of the Conference. Best thanks were accorded to Mr and Mrs. Munn for their warm and genial hospitality. The next meeting was fixed for June 27th. at Raloo; after which no meetings will be held until September.

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The Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland (the "Wee Frees") held a session, in Glasgow, on the present arrangements under which "anthropology" (the natural history of man in its widest sense, treating of his relation to the brutes, the different races, etc.) is taught in the Free Church College, Edinburgh. The old idea that man developed from the ape, seems to have prevailed in the Assembly, as being the method of Evolution; but, was it not Darwin's idea that both the ape and the human form were the outcome of a common origin? Since Darwin's day however the theory of evolution has undergone great changes. "Evolution" only means "growth," and it gives a vastly more magnificent conception of God's method of working than that of "special creation." We are informed that "when it was seen that the debate might lead to the consideration of the subtleties between the Adam and Eve School and Darwinism, it was decided to continue the discussion in private." Is there not going on around us continually, a great process of "involution and evolution" of Life and Form?

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The announcements concerning the big developments at the Church of the Divine Unity, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will be of special personal interest to the members of all our churches in Northern Ireland. Necessity has compelled the sale of the present Church and the building of a new, for which an appeal has just been issued. The Church has had an unbroken history of 276 years and has had a fine succession of outstanding ministers. The present Church edifice was built only 84 years ago. The distinction of preaching the opening service was accorded to our own, Dr. Montgomery of Dunmurry. The present minister of the Church is one of our own Irish sons—The Rev. Herbert Barnes, a native of Greyabbey. He will be remembered in most of our Irish Churches as a student, when he was well-known to all our Congregations. For nearly nineteen years he has carried on the noble tradition of the Church of the Divine Unity. He has on three occasions preached the Annual Ulster Hall Sermon. Faced with the necessity of raising £10,000 for an unexpected need, both he and his congregation are essaying the task with courage and optimism. We feel sure that he has many friends in our Irish Congregations who wish him well and will express their goodwill in a practical way. If any cheques or subscriptions are forwarded c/o. The Editor, he will gladly transmit them to Mr. Barnes.

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1938 marks the centenary of the commencement of Father Mathews' temperance apostleship, when he signed the total abstinence pledge. We publish an article this month, on this subject by C.M. John Wesley started his apostleship on May 24, 1738. This year is also the four hundredth anniversary of "the gift of the open Bible"; truly the most priceless legacy of the Reformation. But, we know that the Reformation was only a partial one, and a vast amount of work lies before us, to complete it, and there lies the work of Liberal Christianity.

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The Bible has been translated into 1013 languages, and last year over eleven million volumes were circulated by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

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August, 1938, number published on July 23rd. Copy sent in before July 16th will be received by Rev. John Barron, Ballywalter, Co. Down.

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PULPIT SUPPLY.—The Rev. W. Eakin, 103 Greenore Street, Belfast.

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Outstanding subscriptions for the magazine, should be sent to Rev. A. Davison, Dromore.

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The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian can be obtained at the Depository, 35 Rosemary Street, Belfast.

The Rev. A. Reid, M.A., of Middlesbrough, is spending part of his holiday in Ireland and is open to supplies. Mr. and Mrs. Reid belong to Rutherglen, near Glasgow. They are both Scotch-Irish and would like to contact Irish congregations. Dates July 10th, 17th, and 24th.—Address, c/o. 35 Rosemary St., Belfast.

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An enthusiastic Band of Hope gathering took place at the Rotherhithe Town Hall, Bermondsey, when an interesting address was delivered by Rev. R. F. Rattray, Ph.D. of Cambridge, showing what could be achieved by teetotallers challenging not only the Brewers' advertisements but also their activities in the Licensing Courts.

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"Wonders of World Aviation" describing the tests of flying fitness, gives an illustration to determine eye-muscle balance by the Bishop-Harman test. The inventor of the apparatus was the President of the General Assembly, 1937-38, and on the occasion of the British Medical Association in Belfast preached at the First Presbyterian Church.

THE SYNOD.

The Annual Meetings of the Synod are opening just after the type for the July number has been set up, and we are therefore obliged to hold over Synod reports and also those of special services under the Laymen's League (N.S.P. Church) which this year took place in the First Church, Belfast, instead of in the Ulster Hall, the attendance being very good, and the outcome satisfactory in every way to those promoting the services.

The address on "Religious Education," by the Rev. F. Munford, given at Banbridge is also held over.

Bodel-Mackenzie Benevolent Fund.

Election of Beneficiaries at the Quarterly Meeting, September 8th, 1938. Application forms can be obtained from the Rev. D. J. Williams, Killinchy, Belfast. (The amount for distribution is small.)

All Souls', Belfast—Church closed during August.

Sunday School Conference.

The annual Sunday School Conference was held in Banbridge, on Saturday, 4th June. The weather conditions were very unfavourable, and for this reason many from our most distant Churches were unable to attend. Nevertheless, there was an attendance of almost three hundred people. The opening devotions were conducted by the Rev. P. Godding, who, also in the absence of the Moderator, presided over the Conference. A very interesting and instructive address was delivered by the Rev. F. Munford, B.A., on "Religious Education—its aim and methods." Among those who participated in the discussion, we were pleased to hear an American lady who gave us a glimpse of some of the methods followed by our American Unitarian friends in promoting religious education over there.

The Rev. John Hinkins, M.A., gave an interesting resume of his adjudication of the essays and expressed his appreciation of the scholars' efforts and the high standard attained. The following secured prizes—Class I, up to ten years, 1st, Norma Rea, Larne; 2nd, Gladys Meneilly, Larne; 3rd, Helen Rea, Larne.

Class II. ,ten to fourteen years, 1st, Roberto Moore, Ballyclare; 2nd, Muriel Begg, Larne; 3rd, Margaret Begg, Larne.

Class III., fourteen years upwards, 1st, Olive Dick, Downpatrick; 2nd, Gloria Dougan, All Souls; 3rd, Betty Dempster, Comber.

Special prizes were awarded to the following — Elizabeth McMullan, Glenarm; Leslie McMullan, Downpatrick; Mabel Black, Downpatrick.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Munford for his address—to Mr. Hinkins, for judging the essays and to minister and congregation of Banbridge for their welcome and enjoyable hospitality.

The Rev. John Hinkins extended a hearty invitation to the Conference to hold its annual meeting in Crumlin next year. This was gratefully and heartily accepted.

TEMPLEPATRICK OLD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Secretarial correspondence in future should be addressed to Mr. Hugh Lyle, Wayside, Whitewell, Glengormley, Belfast.

Centenary of Raloo Meeting House.

The foundations were cut out on Jan. 2nd, 1838, and the Meeting House was opened by the celebrated Rev. Dr. Montgomery, on Sept. 2nd, of the same year. On Saturday, May 28th, a most successful Sale of Work was held at Gleno Orange Hall, the proceeds of which brought up the total of the fund for the extensive renovations to £272 1s. 11d. Dr. Agnew of Belfast, was the Chairman and introduced Mrs. Minnis of Larne, who declared the sale open. In the course of her address Mrs. Minnis referred to the History of the Congregation ,which had been compiled by Rev. J. McCleery, jun., of Newry, referred to Dr. Montgomery, the Leader of the Remonstrant Synod, who baptised her mother and later taught her mother in the Sunday-school, and Mrs. Minnis still had a letter written by him to her grandmother concerning her mother's first Communion—a letter she prized very much. Little Mamie Larmour presented Mrs. Minnis with a handsome gift of embroidered linen.

Rev. J. McCleery, jun., warmly thanked Mrs. Minnis for her gracious opening, seconded by Mr. William Moore.

The Rev. J. McCleery, sen. (minister) moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to the chairman, the ladies of the congregation who had worked so hard in preparing for the sale, the Gleno L.O.L. for the use of their fine hall, and all who had subscribed to the improvement fund or sent articles to the sale of work. He mentioned that they had received gifts from America, England, and Scotland, and had with them visitors from the United States and Canada.

Brisk business was soon proceeding at the stalls, and various side-shows; while a well organised "tea-room" establshed in the near-by school was also generously patronised. Mrs. McCleery and her energetic band of co-workers are much to be congratulated on their arrangements.

THE STALL-HOLDERS.

Work Stall—Miss Larmour, Mrs. W. McDowell, Mrs. A. McDowell, Mrs. S. Re, Miss J. Craig.

Cake and Grocery Stall—Mrs Moore, Mrs. Longmore, Mrs. W .Moore, Mrs. McAlister.

Palmistry—Miss Semple.

Refreshments—The Misses Gray, Isa McNinch, J. Robinson, T. Stuart, H. Stuart, Mrs. E. McConkey, Mrs. M. Sloan, Mrs. R. McDowell, Mrs. J. Elliott, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Mrs. T. Curran.

Sunday School Stall and Bran Tub—Mrs. W. McCleery, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Cameron, Betty Hall, Mary McDowell, Jane McDowell, Molly Hall, Norah Mc Dowell, Norah Elwood, Norah Curran Lily Crawford, Martha Mehaffy, Sadie Dignam, Mattie and Peggy Longmore, Phyliss Adair, Jean Cameron, B. Hall, Patsy McDowell and Chrissie Moore.

Ice-Cream—Mrs. McWilliam and Miss L. Moore.

Games—Jackie McDowell, A. McAlister, A. Larmour, A. Moore, W. McMurtry, T. McDowell, S. McKee, D. Crawford, S. Longmore, J. McConkey, A. Mehaffy, W. McCleery, T. Hall, S. Mc Conkey, G. Crawford, R. Mehaffy, S. Cameron, Lyle Hall, J. Moore, S. Moore and W. McDowell.

Stewards—Messrs. D. S. Gray, W. Moore, W. H. Larmour, W. R. Mahon, J. Hamilton, K. McDowell and A M'D Woods.

Stanhope Street Domestic Mission.

The dedication of a new pulpit chair, two Communion chairs, carpet and draperies added greater significance to "Mothers' Day" in the fact that they comprised a memorial to the remembrance of the late Mrs. Morrow, the gifts were made by her daughter, Miss H. Morrow. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Agnew, and received on behalf of the management committee by Mrs. Newman, the new hon. secretary.

On a recent Saturday afternoon the Sunday School children were able to spend a happy afternoon at Helen's Bay, the teachers felt greatly rewarded by the fact that the children gave evidence of having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We are glad to report a steady increase in attendances especially of young people at the teen age.

We desire to thank all who have made recent gifts of clothing. It would be impossible to overstate the great need of such generous gifts; we welcome gifts of any kind whether it be furniture or clothing. Many of the poor people's homes are void of even bare comfort.

Downpatrick Memorial Organ.

In Downpatrick Presbyterian Non-Subscribing Church a simple and beautiful servce of dedication of a new organ, given in memory of Mrs. Anna Mackenzie, was held on May 22nd. The service opened with the singing of the hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' unaccompanied by the instrument, and after the invocatory prayer and the reading of Psalm 150, Rev. Henry Hall, the minister, spoke of the gratitude felt by all to the giver of the fine organ, which would add to the quiet dignity of the old meeting-house, and would enable those who were responsible for conducting the music to do their work better than ever it had been possible before. The congregation were then asked to stand, and the words of dedication were spoken, followed by a few moments' silence and the dedicatory prayer.

The service then followed in the usual order, with Miss Marie Henry at the organ. Mr. Hall preached on the text, 'I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.' He began by making reference to the woman of Shunem, who entertained with kindly hospitality the prophet Elisha. The picture sketched in the Scripture was in veriest outline, but it suggested more than it actually told of a high-souled woman to whom her religion meant a very great deal, and whose heart was filled with generosity and abounding love. No wonder the writer described her as 'a great woman.' There was a close likeness to this high-souled woman in the life and character of the faithful servant of God now specially commemorated. She too was a great woman, with a love for all things high and lowly, and filled with a burning desire to labour for the kingdom of God.

Few things delighted her so much as to see an eager band of worshippers gathered together in the house of prayer she loved so dearly, and she was often distressed when she saw the slackening of the ties which bound souls together in the act of corporate worship. The vital necessity of our age was to seek to recapture a truly devout worshipping spirit. If the spirit of reverence and worship were to die out of the hearts of men it could only end in the destruction of our civilisation, because the finer values of that civilisation had been inspired and conserved by the religion of Christ. 'Has it ever occurred to you that in meeting together and striving to maintain the spirit of reverence and worship in meditating upon things that are highest and holiest as they are revealed supremely to us n the life and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are acting as the guardians of our civilisation?'—"Down Recorder."

Mountpottinger.—Mrs. Munford, the wife of the Rev. F. Munford, met with a very serious accident at Cairncastle, on Monday, June 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Munford were calling at a house there, and Mrs. Munford fell on the drive, and had to be carried into the house. A doctor was obtained at once, and ascertained that the injury was of such a serious nature that she would have to be taken at once to the Royal Victoria Hospital; the ambulance was sent for, and Mrs. Munford was conveyed there. There is very great sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Munford.

Ballycarry—The Children's Day Service was held on Sunday, June 5th. The local contingent of "The Boy Cubs," with their officers, Messrs. Sam McKee and Jim Millar, attended, and others present were The Girl Guides with their officers, Miss Olive Johnston and Miss Bessie McKee. The musical portion of the service was in the capable hands of Mr. W. P. Campbell of Whitehead. A solo was sung very sweetly by Miss Mary Millar, a young member of the Sunday School. The choir was composed on this occasion of all the children of the Sunday School. The floral decoration of the church was in the capable hands of Miss McKee. Rev. John Begg of Larne, after receiving the colours, conducted the service and delivered a most interesting and instructive address to the guests, cubs and guides. On Saturday, 11th June, the annual Sunday School excursion took place, when a party of 50 journeyed to Glenarm and there partook of lunch. Some of the party, by kind permission, visited the castle grounds and gardens, after which the party continued the journey to Garron Tower where, despite the wet weather, a very enjoyable time was spent. After a sumptuous tea all returned safe to Ballycarry. Thanks are due to Mrs. J. McKee and Mrs. W. Millar for all the arrangements.

REPORTS.

Moneyrea.—The Sunday School anniversary services were held on Sunday, May 29th, when the Meeting House was beautifully decorated with flowers by the scholars, the teachers, and members of the congregation. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Davies. In the evening the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. A. L. Agnew, B.A., D.D. At both services there was special music. The children sang hymns and choruses: "The Masters' Kingdom," "God make my life," "Hosannas from the Children's Lips," "Messengers of God." Marie Bailie rendered two solos "My God, my Father," and "Softly the Silent Night." The children were trained by Mrs. Mac Cartney, the organist. Both morning and evening there were large congregations and the services were very successful. Praise and thanks are due to the ministers for their impressive sermons, to the children for their splendid singing, and to Miss Kennedy, Miss Dempster and Mrs. MacCartney for the capable way they had prepared and trained the children.

Newry.—Mr. McKinstry, the son-in-law of the late Rev. George Slipper, has met with a very serious accident at the Mill, at Ballymoney, Co. Antrim, where he was manager of one of the departments. A new lift on which were five men, was being tried, and crashed down through several stories, Mr. McKinstry's foot being caught between the lift and the wall and badly injured, and all five men were thrown over the top of him. Mr. McKinstry was the only one who was hurt seriously.

Warrenpoint.—On Tuesday afternoon, May 24th, a visitation of the Presbytery of Bangor was held in the Meeting House, Dromore Road. The day was everything that could be desired for the occasion. There was a good attendance of presbyters and representatives of congregations. The formula that followed was that of the Code of the Remonstrant Synod of Ulster, to which the R.S.U. renews its adherence at the annual meetings. The proceedings opened with a service conducted by the minister in charge, the Rev. John McCleery, B.A., S.T.M., of Newry. The questions were put to minister and congregation, by the Rev. J. J. Magill, B.A., who acted as Moderator. Details were brought out as to the present condition of the affairs of the congregation. The fabric is kept in beautiful condition. The sexton's cottage inside the gate of the church-yard, with flowers beautifully arranged all round it, is in keeping with the rest of the meeting house, and the extensive church-yard with its very fine trees. The mountains all around and a glimpse of the sea add additional charm to the loveliness of the scenery. The Meeting House possesses a handsome silver Communion-set, it was to us however, a slightly jarring note that the glass case containing the set, should have been fastened on to the handsome old historic pulpit, when perhaps it would have been more in place on a wall of the building. The Meeting House, dated 1707-1820 is an unspoiled specimen of its period. The Presbtery complimented the congregation on the good order of its property, and its financial affairs, and of the efficient ministry with which it is served. The Rev. J. J. Magill mentioned that it was in this Meeting House that as a young man applying for admission to training for the ministry, he preached before the Presbytery of Armagh.

Antrim.—On Sunday, June 5th, at 3-30 o'clock Rev. A. L. Agnew, D.D., visited Antrim and preached to a large congregation in the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. His sermon was based on the story of Naaman in 2nd Kings, the 5th chapter. Many in the audience were impressed with his apt and pithy remarks so humourously expressed as he brought that Old Testament story up to date into present-day setting. The singing was excellent, led by Mrs. Simpson, with a large augmented choir. Solos were beautifully rendered by Miss Peaston of Templepatrick, and Mr. F. C. Luscombe of Belfast.

Templepatrick.—A special service was held on Sunday afternoon, May 22nd, which was attended by a goodly number of representatives from the neighbouring Churches of Belfast, Ballyclare, Antrim, Crumlin and Raloo. Most of the ministers of these churches were present also. Such expressions of goodwill are greatly treasured by the people of Templepatrick. The day was gloriously fine and visitors spoke appreciatively of the hearty and helpful character of the ser-

vice. The minister, the Rev. A. G. Peaston, was the preacher. An enjoyable tea was served at the Orange Memorial Hall.

Newry—First Presbyterian Church had its annual garden-party at the Manse on June 15th. Stalls and side-shows were erected in the grounds. Rev. J. McCleery, B.A ,S.T.M , called on the Rev. W. H. T. Tilson, M.A., of Greyabbey to preside, and in responding, Mr. Tilson remarked how much he appreciated the compliment. He had happy recollections of Newry in the days long gone by, and the congregation was to be congratulated on its progress under Mr. McCleery. They were fortunate in having Miss Rosamund Praeger, R.H.A., who was devoted to the N.S.P. Church. She had won a great name as a sculptor, and the University of Northern Ireland was about to honour her with the degree Master of Arts, and that was something only given to outstanding merit. In reply Miss Praeger, said it was pleasant to see such a large attendance. The Christian Churches in many parts of the world were in a very troubled state, and there was terrible opposition to all that they held dear. It was urgent that the congregations should be alive again and their supporters rally round and be steadfast. If they believed in Christianity at all they should give of their best to the Church which really represented Christ on earth. It was very easy to criticese organised religion, but the people could get good church government if they so desired. Miss Praeger then declared the bazaar open; little Miss Emily Moore, Altnaveigh, then presented Miss Praeger with a box of linen, amidst applause. A vote of thanks to Miss Praeger was proposed by Mr. McCleery and seconded by Mr. Robert Wilkinson, Postmaster, Newry, who was congratulated on being promoted as Head Postmaster to Derry. There was an enjoyable concert programme, which was followed up by an enjoyable dance in the Institute.—*Newry Telegraph.*

Women's League—The quarterly meeting of the Ulster district of the Women's League was held at Killinchy on June 11th The service was conducted by Mrs. Gardiner, B.A., president, and an account of the assembly meeting recently held in Leeds was given by Miss Armstrong. Greetings from League branches in Adelaide and Melbourne were brought by an old member of the Moneyrea congregation. Tea was provided by the Killinchy members, and the company was afterwards conveyed to Whiterock and back to Comber railway station.

Comber—The Annual Floral Services were held on June 12th, both morning and evening. In the morning the scholars brought bunches of flowers which were presented to the minister and afterwards sent to the hospital. The preacher in the morning was the minister the Rev. J. Glynne Davies. The Sunday School choir rendered quartettes, septets and anthems and hymns and a solo was sung by Master Samuel Burgess. The singing was exceptionally good and the organ was sympathetically and beautifully played by Miss Belle Stewart. In the evening the Rev. Charles Simpson of Ballee officiated and gave a fine address enjoyed by young and adults. The church was artistically decorated by the teachers and ladies of the congregation.

Ballyclare—The annual Children's service was held on Sunday, 12th June. There was a very fine attendance. The Rev. A. M. Bell occupied his own pulpit and read for his first lesson that inspiring chapter, Phillipians iv. The eighth verse was the keynote of the whole service, for "whatsoever things are lovely" brought visibly before the congregation the beauty of the morning, the flowers, the happy children and the loveliness of their fresh young voices. The children (with Mrs. Moore, A.L.C.M., at the organ) were responsible for the entire singing Nelson Vint and Sam Horner took the solos in the first chorus, Gladys and Phyllis McLean sang a duet as did Lily and Bobby Moore and Gordon Moore and Jim Crawford. A solo, "The hymns my mother used to sing," was outstanding. Mr. Bell as usual spoke particularly to the children, and his address will linger long in the minds of all who heard it. It was indeed another of the "whatsoever things are lovely." His intimate knowledge of nature was simply and beautifully told to the children, leading their minds to the lovely things around them, and showing to them the God of Nature in simplicity and beauty. Hubert Scott and Tommy Peoples (members of the choir) were the collectors. The beauty of the flowers was enhanced by their artistic arrangement, for which Mrs. Ted Moore and Miss Laird were responsible.

The Divine Unity.

All consciousnesses are one, all the world is one, all the love in it is the one Divine Love, all the beauty in it is the one Divine Beauty, all the holiness of the world is the one Holiness of God.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. David Barnes.

It is with much regret thatwe record the death of Mrs. Barnes, "Hollowdine," Greyabbey. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes with their family have been loyal and active supporters of our Church at Greyabbey, also giving valuable service to the denomination as a whole. The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church has lost one who was deeply interested in the cause of our liberal Christianity. It would be hard to find a more hospitable home than "Hollowdine" or a more kindly and gracious hostess than the lady who presided over the household—reliable in judgment, upright in character, generous in charity, kindly in disposition and faithful n friendship. A very wide circle of friends are feeelng that the world is poorer in the "passing over" of Mrs. Barnes. But the loss will be most keenly felt in the family circle where she lived and was beloved. A devoted wife and mother has been taken from their midst: so we would extend to them our sincere sympathy and condolence in their great bereavemnt.—T.M.

Mr. William Pinnance, Comber.

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. William Pinnance, who passed away on Saturday, 4th June, after a prolonged illness. For many years Mr. Pinnance had carried on a successful business in Castle Street, and he was held in the highest esteem by his fellow-townsmen and by a wide circle of friends in Co. Down. He was a tall, dignified figure, a man of wisdom and sound judgment, blended by a healthy sense of humour, and his genial presence will be greatly missed.

He was a staunch member of the Comber Unitarian Church and he was most regular in his attendance at worship. He served on the Church Committee for a long period of years and his counsel was always reasonable and helpful—he loved peace and friendliness.

We extend our tenderest sympathy to his sister, Miss Pinnance, with whom he had resided throughout his long life, and who mnistered so devoutly to his needs to the very last.

In her sorrow and loneliness may she find strength and comfort in the love of our Heavenly Father.

The burial took place at the New Meeting House Green, Killinchy. The Revs. J. Glynne Davies and D. J. Williams officiated in the house and at the graveside. The funeral was unusually large and representative of all sections of the community.

"Mother of God."

The following note is taken from "The Report of the Commission on Doctrine in the Church of England," recently issued; p. 80:—

"The classical formula of the doctrine of the Incarnation is that reached by the Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 451. The relevant passage may be translated as follows:

'Therefore following the holy Fathers, we confess and all with one consent teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and the same perfect in manhood, truly God and truly man, the same of a rational soul and body, of one substance with the Father according to His Godhead, and the same of one substance with us according to His manhood, in all things like to us apart from sin, begotten of the Father before the ages according to His Godhead, and the same in the last days for us and for our salvation born of Mary the Virgin, Mother of God according to His manhood, one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, made known in two natures, without confusion, without conversion, without division, without separation, the difference of the natures having been in no way abolished through the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved and meeting in one person and one hypostasis.'

"The main upshot of this formula is plainly the affirmation of real and absolute Deity, and of real and absolute Humanity, in the one Christ. The affirmation it makes in the language of what was then current thought with all possible clearness and vigour."

A MODERN IRISH SAINT.

Dr. Channing, in his discourse on Dr. Tuckerman, makes this reference to Father Theobald Mathew's Total Abstinence campaign in Ireland, which was begun just a hundred years ago—"History records no resolution like this. . . . Father Mathew, the leader in this moral resolution, ranks far above the heroes and statesmen of the times. . . . A living minister who deserves to be canonised." Who was this man thus eulogised by the great Channing? He was born in 1790 at Thomastown, of a family closely connected with Baron Llandaff. Much of his boyhood was spent at that nobleman's seat, where he was described as "of a sweet and engaging disposition, incapable of anger or resentment, and free from selfishness". In 1814 he was admitted to the order of Capuchin monks, and laboured tirelessly in Cork, chiefly on behalf of the young, founding industrial schools, both for boys and girls, and there too he established several literary institutions. In 1832 during the cholera epidemic he was fearless in his efforts to save its victims, and to console the many mourning families. Prior to this time in different parts of the country various associations had endeavoured to encourage sobriety, chiefly by urging abstinence from spirits. Then a new movement had begun in the South—the advocacy of total abstinence from all intoxicants, except when prescribed as medicne. Prominent in this movement were three men—Rev. Nicholas Dunscombe, a church clergyman; Richard Dowden, a Unitarian, and William Martin, a member of the Society of Friends. This last was especially acute, and it was largely through his influence that Father Mathew took up the work, having become convinced that much of the misery he encountered among the people, was caused by their drinking habits. The strength of his conviction was not lessened by the fact that his brother and many intimate friends were distillers or brewers. At a public meeting on April 10, 1838, standing beside William Martin, he took the pledge and promised to give the movement all the help in his power. He now devoted himself to an unceasing effort to spread the principles of total abstinence through the length and breadth of the land. His biographer (F. J. Maguire) says he was not an orator but "the charm that held crowds spellbound, and moved the inmost hearts, even of those who came to criticize, was the earnestness of his sincerity. . . . He practiced what he preached, and believed what he so persuasively and urgently enforced." A popular Catholic clergyman thus espousing the cause had a wonderful effect—thousands flocked to hear him and took the pledge from him. In three years the consumption of spirits fell from upwards of twelve million gallons to between six and seven million gallons. Public-houses in many places were closed, while Temperance Halls were opened and Temperance Bands were formed. The compiler of these notes was told recently on the authority of a much respected local Catholic clergyman, that in Belfast the Bishop would not grant Father Mathew permission to speak, but that on one occasion travelling from Glasgow, a great crowd met him at the quayside in Belfast, and there he administered the pledge to two hundred people. That was in 1842 or 1843, when on his way to Moira to speak there. He visited England and Scotland several times, was warmly received and won many adherents in both countries. Entirely free from sectarian bitterness as Fathew Mathew was, many Protestants joined his movement, and among these was one of our own ministers, the Rev. C. J. McAlester of Holywood, who in 1842, aided by a Scotch Presbyterian friend, Mr. Charles Pelling, founded the Holywood Total Abstinence Socity. This was completely undenominational, and for quite a number of years was the only Temperance Society in the neighbourhood. Encouraged by what had been done in many places its committee undertook to establish a musical band. An early entry in their minute book records that. "A gratifying letter was read from Rev. Theobald Mathew of Cork, the Apostle of Temperance, in which he expressed his gratification at the exertions made in Holywood to form a band, and enclosed a post office order for two pounds as his subscription to the Musical Fund." During the years of the famine 1845 to 1847 he strove ceaselessly to relieve distress, and it is sad to

read that he became "immersed in pecuniary difficulties." No doubt these difficulties were in a large measure the result of the support he had given everywhere to Temperance Bands, and to what he spent in the gratuitous distribution of medals. In 1847, chiefly through Lord John Russel's influence, he was granted a Civil List pension of £300, which, however, was only sufficient to pay the premiums on the Insurance Polices on his life, which he took out for the benefit of his creditors. In 1849 he decided to visit America, and for two years he continued his work there, visiting twenty-five of the States and inducing many to adopt his principles. His exertions were now telling on his health, and doctors warned him that he must have absolute rest. He told his friends that he preferred "to die in harness," and added "I must not desert my post in the middle of the battle." Before long he was forced to abandon his work, for in 1852 he had a stroke, and gradually became almost helpless.

"Sweetness, humility and holiness marked every hour of his declining days," and he passed away on the 8th of December, 1856. His memory is perpetuated by statues in Dublin and Cork. No doubt many men and women in Ireland will agree with other words spoken by Channing of Theobald Mathew—"His name should be placed in the Calendar, not far below Apostles."—C.J.M.

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